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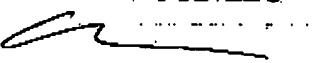
Response to Office Action of November 16, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 83-95 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; and claims 83-95 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. In response, claims 83 and 90 have been amended, and claims 84 and 91 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Based on discussions between Examiner Frank Choi and Mr. Thomas C. Basso, the undersigned attorney of record, Applicants believe that presently pending claims 83-95 are in condition for allowance, and thus, respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn in view of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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